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**CPUC LOOKS TO INCREASE PRESENCE IN LOS ANGELES WITH
NEW SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REPRESENTATIVE**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20, 2009 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced it has hired Denise Tyrrell as its Southern California Representative to manage its Los Angeles office and communicate about the CPUC to its many stakeholders.

“Southern California is where most of the people in this state reside, and we’ve needed more representation there for some time,” said CPUC President Michael R. Peevey. “I couldn’t be more pleased that Denise has joined our team to run our Los Angeles office and to be the face of the CPUC in the region with consumers, local elected leaders, community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations, State and Federal agencies, and others.”

Ms. Tyrrell grew up in Youngstown, Ohio, went to school in upstate New York, and lived in London and Manhattan before moving to Los Angeles in 1978. She is a communications professional with over 30 years of experience and has made a career in communication strategy as well as adapting to and taking advantage of emerging trends in reputation management.

Ms. Tyrrell spent the last seven years as spokesperson for Metrolink, including crisis management and on-air representation following the Chatsworth and Glendale train accidents. As a result of these experiences, she is deeply committed to advancing greater rail safety for all California commuters.

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